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**Northern Illinois University
Alternative Spring Break 2010
Participant Application**

Name: _____

ZID#: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle One: FR SO JR SR GR T-shirt Size _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Primary E-mail Address: _____

Please return the entire completed application to Student Involvement & Leadership Development in room 150 of the Campus Life Building along with your \$25.00 deposit by Wednesday, October 21. Applications will be reviewed and applicants will be notified of their selection status on or around October 28.

ASB COSTS & FEES

The total cost for the ASB trip is \$550. All payments are non-refundable after their respective deadlines. This includes transportation, housing, orientation, and meals on-site. There will be fundraising opportunities arranged by the ASB site-leaders and planning committee to help offset costs. The following dates outline when payments are due:

Due when application is turned in: \$25.00	
November 16, 2009	\$200.00
December 11, 2009	\$175.00
January 18, 2010	\$150.00

**If you have any questions, please contact
Becky Harlow at rharlow@niu.edu**

Before turning in this application, please read all the statements below carefully, consider them seriously, and sign to indicate your agreement. Thank you.

COMMITMENT:

Being an Alternative Spring Break participant requires time, energy, and commitment. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to invest that time, energy and commitment if selected to be an ASB participant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ASB POLICIES

ASB participants are required to follow all NIU policies before, during, and after their trip. (For more information about NIU Policies, please refer to the NIU website or review the **NIU Student Code of Conduct**.) I also understand that ASB is a drug- and alcohol-free experience. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to follow and uphold ASB and NIU policies to the best of my ability. I certify that I am a Northern Illinois University student and in good standing with the University. I authorize Student Involvement & Leadership Development to confirm that I am in good standing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SURVEYS and EVALUATIONS

All ASB participants will occasionally be asked to participate in several surveys and evaluations. The results will be kept confidential and will only be used for program feedback and improvement. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to participate in all ASB surveys and evaluations, and to give honest feedback.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read all the above statements and considered them seriously. I fully understand all the above statements, and agree to comply with them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please answer the following questions and survey. There are no correct answers; we just want to get to know you! (Please submit typed answers on a separate sheet of paper.)

1. What do you hope to gain by participating in an Alternative Spring Break trip?
2. What extra-curricular activities are you currently involved in?
3. Please describe any previous volunteer experience (Note that a lack of previous experience will not count against you.)
4. How did you hear about the Alternative Spring Break Program?
- 5a. Rank the following issues in order of interest (1 = highest interest, 2 = lowest interest):

 ____ Outdoor education/environment (ie: Cumberland Trail, The Nature Conservancy)

 ____ Disaster relief work (ie. Katrina Relief, 2 Rivers Community Outreach)
- 5b. Would you still be interested in participating if you did not receive your first choice?
6. Are you signing up “with” anyone else, hoping to be placed on the same trip as that person? If so, who? If you were not placed on the same trip as this person, would you still be interested in participating?